

## LAST MEETING OF ESTIMATE BOARD

Various Appropriations Made at  
Final Session of Financial  
Body Under the Low Adminis-  
tration.

## SNOW-CLEANING CONTRACT.

William Bradley Gets the Job in  
the Bronx—A Million Granted  
for the Aqueduct Commission's  
Expenses.

The Board of Estimate and Appor-  
portionment of the Low administration held  
its last meeting to-day in the old council  
room of the City Hall. Two calendars  
confronted the members, public improve-  
ments of fourteen and financial of twenty-  
seven items. The majority of the  
matters were of minor importance, relat-  
ing to new sewers, street openings  
and the like, and requests from depart-  
ments for transfers of money  
from one line of their appropriation to  
another in order to settle up accounts.  
Major Woodbury, the Commissioner of  
Street Cleaning, got the ear of the Board  
before a start was made on the calen-  
dars and at his request the Board ap-  
proved a contract for the removal of  
snow in the Bronx at sixteen cents per  
cubic yard. The successful bidder was  
William Bradley, who has a like con-  
tract for Manhattan.

After hearing some of the property-  
owners in opposition to the board ac-  
cording to the request of the Kingston Avenue  
(Brooklyn) Hospital authorities and  
voted to close Hawthorne street, in that  
borough, between Kingston and Albany  
avenues. Dr. J. H. Raymond explained  
that the city owns the land on both  
sides of the street for the entire block,  
and the hospital needs the space for the  
contagious-disease pavilions.

The hearing in the matter of laying  
out an extension of Corlears Hook Park  
went off because the engineers of the  
Local Improvement Board had made an  
error in defining the boundaries of the  
proposed extension. According to Mr.  
Grout's construction of their plans, the  
extension planned for the southeast end  
of the park cuts off the westerly fence  
of the park as it now stands.

The board authorized an issue of  
\$100,000 for the use of the Aqueduct  
Commission to defray current expenses,  
etc., on existing contracts and construc-  
tion \$70,000 for the acquisition of a site  
on East Twenty-ninth street for a new  
police station, and \$2,669.35 for Board of  
Education purposes to pay awards on  
sites for schools in Brooklyn.

## BROOKLYN VOTERS URGE CITY FERRY

They Call on President Fornes  
and Ask Him to Vote for the  
Proposition when It Comes  
Up.

Charles V. Fornes, President of the  
Board of Aldermen, to-day received a  
delegation of citizens interested in the  
proposition to have the city establish and  
operate a modern ferry between  
Thirtieth street, Brooklyn, and the  
South Ferry, Manhattan.

At the meeting of the Sinking Fund  
last week President Fornes declined to  
vote on the proposition on the ground  
that he was not sufficiently posted on  
the matter.

At the hearing to-day he stated that  
he was in favor of a municipal ferry  
between the points named if it could be  
proved to him that such a ferry would  
not entail a loss of thousands of dollars  
a year to the city. The members of the  
delegation said the city ought to estab-  
lish a ferry even if it did not pay at  
the beginning. They said there is need  
of wharfage facilities for certain kinds  
of bulky freight along the South Brook-  
lyn shore and that such terminals can  
be developed only through a city ferry.

While President Fornes declined to  
say what he would do when the matter  
comes up before the Sinking Fund to-  
morrow, the members of the delegation  
said they believed he will vote in favor  
of the ferry. If he does the plan to  
establish the ferry will probably be car-  
ried out. This does not necessarily mean  
municipal operation of it, however, as  
the city will probably lease it to some  
corporation.

## STANDARD OIL BRINGS DOWN TRADE RATES.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 29.—The Standard  
Oil Company has reduced the price of oil  
five cents in the East and two cents in  
the West. This comes as a disagreeable  
surprise to producers in the northwest-  
ern Ohio field, who are inclined to be-  
lieve it is intended to cause holders to  
throw their stocks on the market.

## Stern Brothers

Will place on sale to-morrow an Exceptional Offering of  
**6,500 Yards**  
**Wool Armure Waistings**  
27 in. wide, in the most desirable colors and combina-  
tions for waists, house gowns and children's dresses **29c**  
Regular value 75c yd.

West Twenty-third Street.

## STOCKS IN DEMAND AT HIGHER PRICES

Promising Business Outlook and  
Good Crop Report Give Life  
to Trading and Send Values  
to Higher Level.

## GAINS MADE ALL AROUND.

Gould Roads Strong with Pennsylv-  
ania and New York Central.  
While Steel Gets Solid Support—  
Buying Grows Broader.

With the general business outlook im-  
proved and a crop report that was some-  
thing of a surprise even to the most  
optimistic, stocks to-day showed unusual  
strength, while prices made rapid ad-  
vances, that were held until the close.

The banks strengthened their position  
with new gold sent here from San  
Francisco, the amount exceeding \$1-  
900,000, having been received from  
Japan. Call money loaned at 6 per  
cent, but in view of the adjustment  
of account to meet the dividend and in-  
terest requirements of January, the  
money market has been comparatively  
free from furies. The total dividends  
and interest payments for the month  
will aggregate \$131,000,000.

The street was unusually full of ru-  
mors during the day. It was reported  
that the strength of Westinghouse and  
General Electric was due to a probable  
amalgamation of the companies. This  
was promptly denied by a director of  
the General Company. The real reason  
for the strength of the two stock is  
due to the excellent earnings and the  
outlook for a year even better than the  
one just about to close.

The steel stocks showed strength all  
day and the pitfall advanced to 68.  
The announcement that the Amalgam-  
ated Association of Iron and Steel  
Workers had consented to a reduction  
of wages, beginning Jan. 1, was partly  
the cause of this strength, as it removed  
the last barrier to the retrenchment  
plans of the company.

Butler Bros., who often act for the  
Standard Oil contingent, were buyers of  
St. Paul and also took quite a little  
Missouri Pacific and Manhattan. This  
was taken as an indication that the  
Gould-Rockefeller group was active on  
the bull side.

London selling and profit taking had  
no effect on the market, which held well  
in the face of these things. Every time  
there was the slightest reaction it was  
followed soon after by a recovery.

The Gould roads were conspicuously  
strong during the day. Pennsylvania was  
active and strong and New York Central  
was also active and staunch and the  
Grangers also held well. Union and  
Southern Pacific showing the best gains  
among these groups. Commission houses  
reported better buying than for some  
time.

## The Closing Quotations.

To-day's highest, lowest and closing prices  
and net changes from yesterday's closing  
prices, or from last recorded sale, are as fol-  
lows:

	High	Low	Close	Net
Amal. Copper	51 1/4	49 3/4	51	+ 1 1/4
Am. Sugar	128 1/2	127 1/2	128	+ 1/2
Am. Tobacco	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
At. & N. P.	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
At. & N. P. pr.	90 1/2	89 1/2	90	+ 1/2
Bell & Ohio pr.	80 1/2	79 1/2	80	+ 1/2
Book. Rap. Tran.	110 1/2	109 1/2	110	+ 1/2
Can. Pacific	110 1/2	109 1/2	110	+ 1/2
Ches. & Ohio	34 1/2	33 1/2	34	+ 1/2
Chic. & N. W.	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
Chic. Gr. West.	67 1/2	66 1/2	67	+ 1/2
Chic. & N. W. pr.	140 1/2	139 1/2	140	+ 1/2
Chic. M. & St. P.	140 1/2	139 1/2	140	+ 1/2
Col. Fuel & Iron	21 1/2	20 1/2	21	+ 1/2
Den. & Rio G.	21 1/2	20 1/2	21	+ 1/2
Den. & Rio G. pr.	20 1/2	19 1/2	20	+ 1/2
Erie 1st pf.	60 1/2	59 1/2	60	+ 1/2
Erie 2d pf.	30 1/2	29 1/2	30	+ 1/2
Erie 3d pf.	15 1/2	14 1/2	15	+ 1/2
Gen. Securities	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
Gen. Securities pr.	140 1/2	139 1/2	140	+ 1/2
Met. Securities	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
Met. Securities pr.	140 1/2	139 1/2	140	+ 1/2
Mo. Kan. & Tex.	18 1/2	17 1/2	18	+ 1/2
Mo. Kan. & Tex. pr.	40 1/2	39 1/2	40	+ 1/2
Norfolk & West.	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
Norfolk & West. pr.	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
Ontario & West.	22 1/2	21 1/2	22	+ 1/2
Pennsylvania	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
Pennsylvania pr.	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
Reading 2d pf.	40 1/2	39 1/2	40	+ 1/2
Reading 3d pf.	20 1/2	19 1/2	20	+ 1/2
Rock Island	20 1/2	19 1/2	20	+ 1/2
Rock Island pr.	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
So. Pacific	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
Southern Ry.	21 1/2	20 1/2	21	+ 1/2
Southern Ry. pr.	21 1/2	20 1/2	21	+ 1/2
St. L. & S. W.	40 1/2	39 1/2	40	+ 1/2
St. L. & S. W. pr.	40 1/2	39 1/2	40	+ 1/2
Tenn. Coal & Iron	20 1/2	19 1/2	20	+ 1/2
Tenn. Coal & Iron pr.	20 1/2	19 1/2	20	+ 1/2
Union Pacific	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
Union Pacific pr.	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
U. S. Leather	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
U. S. Steel	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
U. S. Steel pr.	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
Wabash	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
Wabash pr.	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
West. Union	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
West. Union pr.	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
Wis. Central	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2
Wis. Central pr.	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	+ 1/2

## WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat opened strong and active.  
Higher cables and continued warlike  
news from the Far East made the mar-  
ket attractive to buyers on any weak  
spot and in the West. Other markets  
only showed moderate firmness, subse-  
quently losing a little under profit tak-  
ing by early buyers. A crop was strong on the snow reported  
through Western States.  
New York's opening prices were:

Wheat—May, \$1.14 to \$1.15; July, \$1.15 to  
December, \$1.14 to \$1.15. Corn—May, \$1.15 to  
July, \$1.15 to \$1.16; December, \$1.15 to \$1.16.  
Chicago's opening prices were: Wheat  
—May, \$1.15 to \$1.16; July, \$1.15 to \$1.16;  
September, \$1.15 to \$1.16. Corn—May, \$1.15 to  
July, \$1.15 to \$1.16; September, \$1.15 to \$1.16.  
New York's closing prices were: Wheat  
—May, \$1.15 to \$1.16; July, \$1.15 to \$1.16;  
September, \$1.15 to \$1.16. Corn—May, \$1.15 to  
July, \$1.15 to \$1.16; September, \$1.15 to \$1.16.

## LONDON STOCKS QUIET.

Americans, After Varying Session,  
Closed Firm.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Money was in-  
creasingly wanted in the market to-day  
and was borrowed largely from the  
Bank of England. Discounts were weak,  
in anticipation of easier money next  
week. Business on the stock Exchange  
was quiet and featureless, being over-  
shadowed by the affairs in the Far  
East. Consols were fairly steady. Home  
Rails were irregular.  
Americans opened firm, at about par-  
ity, closed later, became inactive and  
closed firm. Grand Trunk relapsed  
sharply, owing to the disappointing No-  
vember revenues. Canadian Pacific was  
easier. Japanese securities were weak,  
affecting foreigners.

## STOCKS HEAVY ON CURB.

But There Was Little Life to Trad-  
ing in Outside Market.

The curb market was steady to-day,  
with trading dull. The bid and asked  
prices of the principal outside securi-  
ties were:

	Bid	Asked
American Can	34 1/2	35
American Can pr.	34 1/2	35
Green Copper	11 1/2	11 3/4
Marine	3 1/2	3 3/4
Manhattan Transp.	80 1/2	81
Norfolk & West	60 1/2	61
Standard Oil	60 1/2	61
Seaboard Air Line	21 1/2	22

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\$75 Tailor-Made Suits, marked down to..... 39.75

\$75 Costumes of Crepe de Chine and Voile, marked down to..... 39.75

\$75 Velvet Suits, marked down to..... 39.75

## CLOAKS.

\$20 Kersey & Zibeline Outergarments, marked down to..... 7.50

\$25 Storm Ulsters, marked down to..... 9.75

\$25 Military Braided Coats, marked down to..... 12.50

\$75 Fur Lined Coats, marked down to..... 35.00

\$80 White Outergarments, marked down to..... 37.50

\$15 Covert Jackets, marked down to..... 5.00

## FURS.

\$45 Russian Squirrel Sets..... 25.00

\$45 Sable and Isabella Fox Boas..... 27.50

\$20 Russian Squirrel Boas..... 12.50

## WAISTS.

\$8 Crepe de Chine Waists, 3.95

\$10 All-over Lace Waists, 5.90

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**DRAWERS.**  
Umbrella ruffle with  
hemstitched tucks  
and hem, at..... 20c  
With ruffle of em-  
broidery and tucks,  
at..... 20c  
With insertion of em-  
broidery and wide  
hem, at..... 20c  
With wide ruffle with  
tuck or Italian  
lace, at..... 30c  
With wide ruffle with  
tucks and embroi-  
dery, at..... 30c  
Ruffled, with two tor-  
chon insertions and  
edge, at..... 40c  
In six styles, lace or  
embroidery trim, at..... 40c  
With pointed ruffle,  
edged with tuck, at..... 40c  
With umbrella ruffle,  
embroidery trimmed,  
at..... 50c  
Point de Paris  
fine insertion and  
edge, at..... 50c  
Umbrella ruffle, with  
5 inches of Point de  
Paris lace, at..... 50c

**CHIEFES.**  
SKIRT length, lawn,  
trimmed with lace,  
at..... 40c  
Of cambric, trimmed  
with embroidery or  
lace, at..... 40c

**CORSET COVERS.**  
With square neck, lace  
trimmed, at..... 12c  
In low neck, edged  
with Val lace, at..... 12c  
With front of Italian  
lace insertion, at..... 25c  
With low neck, tor-  
chon and ribbon,  
insertion and edge,  
at..... 30c  
With low neck, Italian  
insertion and edge,  
at..... 30c  
In five styles, lace or  
embroidery trimmed,  
at..... 50c  
**WALKING SKIRTS.**  
With torchon edge,  
at..... 50c  
With umbrella ruffle,  
at..... 50c  
With two or three  
torchon lta e trim-  
ed, at..... 50c  
With wide ruffle,  
wide embroidery and  
tucks, at..... 50c  
With deep ruffle with  
6 hemstitched tucks,  
at..... 50c

**UNDERSKIRTS.**  
With hemstitched ruf-  
le, at..... 20c  
With umbrella ruffle,  
torchon edge, at..... 30c  
With umbrella ruf-  
le, torchon edge,  
torchon insertion  
and edge, at..... 30c  
With two insertions  
and edge of Italian  
lace, at..... 30c  
With two torchon in-  
sertions and edge  
at..... 50c

**GOWNS.**  
With wide ruffle with  
torchon or Italian  
lace, at..... 30c  
With hemstitched  
tucks and embroi-  
dery ruffle, at..... 30c  
With low neck, Italian  
insertion and edge,  
at..... 30c  
Torchon and embroi-  
dery trim m e d, six  
styles, at..... 40c  
With two torchon in-  
sertions and edge,  
at..... 50c  
With yoke of 4 tor-  
chon insertions and  
edge at..... 50c  
Of nainsook, chemise  
style, embroidery in-  
sertion, at..... 50c  
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Paris and embroi-  
dery insertion, at..... 50c

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borders, at..... 50c  
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at..... 50c  
Of fancy colored lawn,  
at..... 70c  
With Dresden borders,  
crepon, at..... 1.00

**KIMONO SACKES.**  
Colored, lawn, light  
colors, at..... 25c  
Of striped flannellette,  
at..... 30c  
Of fancy colored lawn,  
at..... 50c

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Babies' Flannellette Dresses—  
Mother Hubbard, circular and  
square yokes, ruffle of solid col-  
or and insertion of embroidery; sizes  
to 4 years; value 39c; special..... 25c

Children's Bonnets—In Bengaline  
silk, full pokes, trimmed with  
shirred ribbon; value 49c  
98c; reduced to..... 29c

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## Women's Coats--Clearing

Women's 27-inch Coats of Zibeline  
and Kersey; made semi-fitted, with  
military collar of stitched velvet;  
large shoulder cape; entire gar-  
ment piped with satin; lined in  
satin; value \$16.75; re-  
duced to..... 9.95

Women's Natty Coats of Kersey  
made with large shoulder cape  
forming plaits; trimmed with gun-  
metal buttons; large full sleeve;  
lined in Skinner's satin; value  
\$19.75; reduced to..... 12.50

## 2.98 for \$6.00 @ \$8.00 Silk Waists

Another immense purchase, even greater than that of last week, on sale  
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mask, 58 inches  
wide; 29c grade;  
Wednesday  
only, yard. 15c

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special for Wednes-  
day only, at  
yard..... 5c